

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application:

### Listing of claims

Claim 1 (cancelled).

2. (Currently amended). In combination with a housing of a module enclosing a plurality of elongated processing elements through which a contaminate-laden fluid is filtered during passage between inlet and outlet ends of the housing; the improvement residing in: sealing means for establishing a sealed chamber within the module housing through which the contaminate-laden fluid is conducted ~~externally of the processing elements~~; holding means for positioning the elongated processing elements within the sealed chamber in a bundled condition; and spacer means for maintaining the bundled processing elements in laterally spaced relation to each other throughout within the sealed chamber ~~through~~ from which the filtered fluid is laterally withdrawn as a cleansed portion of the contaminate-laden fluid; and drain means on the housing for gravitationally discharging said cleansed portion of the contaminate laden fluid from the sealed chamber in response to filtration by the elongated processing elements within the sealed chamber during said passage between the inlet and outlet ends.

3. (Previously amended). The combination as defined in claim 2, wherein said sealing means includes: a pair of axially spaced seal rings in radially outer sealing contact with the module housing; and said holding means is retained within said seal rings for anchoring therein opposite end portions of the processing elements in the bundled condition.

Claim 4 (cancelled).

Claim 5 (cancelled).

Claim 6 (cancelled).

Claim 7 (cancelled).

Claim 8 (not entered).

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